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WESTFIELD POLICE CHIEF ANNOUNCES RECENT ARREST OF NEWARK MAN FOR RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY RESULTING IN THEFT OF TWO VEHICLES

WESTFIELD, NJ - MARCH 14, 2023 - Westfield Police Chief Christopher Battiloro has announced the recent arrest of a 20-year-old Newark man on numerous charges relating to a January burglary of a Westfield residence that resulted in the theft of two (2) vehicles.

Chief Battiloro stated that Keshawn K. Creech, age 20, of Newark, was arrested in Newark on Thursday, March 9, 2023, by the United States Marshals Service New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force.

Creech was charged for his involvement in burglarizing a Faulkner Drive residence on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at approximately 5:34 AM. It's believed that suspect(s) utilized a garage door remote located in an unlocked vehicle parked outside to open an overhead garage door.

Once inside the garage, the suspect(s) then entered the residence via an unlocked door and stole from the kitchen area key fobs for two (2) vehicles that were parked in the driveway outside – one a gray 2014 BMW 528 and the other a gray 2020 BMW X7. Both vehicles were then stolen and driven away.

In addition to burglary and conspiring with another to commit burglary, Creech has been charged with theft and conspiring with another to commit theft – all crimes of the third degree.

Chief Battiloro stated that Creech was quickly identified and charged by the New Jersey State Police Motor Vehicles Crimes North Unit back on January 23, 2023, but could not be located for arrest.

Chief Battiloro further stated that a Westfield Police Department detective continues to be assigned full-time to the New Jersey State Police Motor Vehicle Crimes North Unit and that he was instrumental in investigating this incident and bringing these charges against Creech to fruition.

"The Westfield Police Department remains fully committed to combatting Westfield's most pressing criminal problem – vehicle theft – and its efforts have made a very significant impact," stated Chief Battiloro.

In 2022, there were fifteen (15) vehicles reported stolen in Westfield – a 46.4% reduction from the previous year, when there were twenty-eight (28) vehicles reported stolen.



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Thus far in 2023, a total of three (3) vehicles have been reported stolen. In addition to the two (2) reported stolen on Saturday, January 14, 2023, from Faulkner Drive, one – a white 2019 Land Rover Range Rover – was reported stolen on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at approximately 6:44 PM from the one hundred block of Cedar Street. That vehicle was left unlocked with its key fob in it at the time of its theft.

Creech was remanded to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in Freehold on charges currently pending against him in that jurisdiction.





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